

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace originally filed paragraphs [0022] to [0025] (as numbered in the published application having number 2004/0187242) with the following paragraphs.

5 [0022] In FIG. 1, a paint brush is depicted comprising a brush section **9** and a handle section **10**. Brush section **9** comprises a plurality of bristles **7**, which may be either artificial or natural, and a metal ferrule **3** to contain the bristles. Handle section **10** has end **8** partially encircling “U” shaped component **1** affixed to the brush. The other end comprises two legs **12** and **13**[[, one]] .One leg 13 has an end 25 with a hook 5  
10 integrally formed into it. Leg **12** has an end 4 with no hook [[4]] and terminates at a point that is long enough for it to be securely fastened into the hook **5** of leg **13**.

[0023] The “U” shaped component **1** being composed of a suitable plastic material and having parallel sides **21** and **22** ~~creates on~~ and an arc **20** having a diameter equal to  
15 the width of ~~[[the]]~~ a rigidly attached body **14**. The arc **20** of component **1** being cylindrical in configuration with a diameter equal to the depth of the body **14** as depicted in FIG. 6. The body section **14** having a shape suitable to securely fit into a typical paint brush ferrule **3**.

20 [0024] The handle portion **2** of section **10** being composed of a suitable plastic material and having an overall length sufficient to create a comfortable handle to hold the component. The profile of the handle portion **2** is similar to that of a conventional paint brush as shown in FIG. 1. Handle portion **2** is comprised of two connected legs **12** and

13. The length of the legs ~~[[is]]~~ are nearly equal. When in the unlocked position as depicted in FIG. 5 the legs **12** and **13** create a “V” shape. The angle of the “V” is to be sufficient, based upon material characteristics, to create sufficient clamping force on the “U” shaped component **1** when the legs **12** and **13** are locked together. To lock the legs **12** and **13** together in order to clamp the handle portion onto “U” shape component 1 the ends **4** and ~~[[5]]~~ **25** are brought together. Leg **12** with the straight end **4** is then slid into the hook **5** of end **25** on leg **13** as depicted in FIG. 2. At the section where the legs **12** and **13** converge is a semicircular section **8**. The inside diameter of section 8 is slightly more than the outside diameter of component 1 when the handle portion 2 is unlocked. When handle portion **2** is locked, the inside diameter of section 8 is slightly less than the outside diameter of component 1. Rigidly attached to the inside face of semicircular section **8** are a series of protrusions. The protrusions having a configuration sufficient in size and amount to add additional gripping force upon component 1 when the handle portion **2** is locked.

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[0025] To adjust handle portion **2** to a differing angle along the “U” shape of component 1 the handle portion **2** is unlocked by unhooking ends **4** and ~~[[5]]~~ **25**. This releases the clamping force upon component 1. Handle portion **2** is then free to be moved to a desired angle as depicted in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4 and then locked in place by hooking ends **4** and ~~[[5]]~~ **25** together.